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Re: Application of: **Rafael STORZ et al.**

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For: **METHOD FOR SCANNING MICROSCOPY,
AND SCANNING MICROSCOPE**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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December 15, 2003

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicant hereby makes of record the documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 Form (1 page) for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. While the references are being submitted herewith, some or all of the references may not constitute prior art under the U.S. patent laws.

Please note that German Patent No. DE 199 02 625, which is listed in the accompanying PTO-1449 Form, claims priority to German Patent No. DE 198 03 151.3, which is discussed in the application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (b), before the mailing date of a First Office Action, therefore no fee is believed due.

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It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

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